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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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NEW YORK:—J. STEWART HAPPER, THE CHINIAN EVANGELISTIC OFFICE, 52, West 22d Street.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day ESTABLISHED our selves as COMMISSION AGENTS and GENERAL BROKERS in HONGKONG and CANTON under the Style and Firm of WENYON & ROBINSON.

Hongkong, October 1, 1891. 1877

NOTICE.

D. R. NOBLE has returned to the Colony and RESUMED PRACTICE.

Hongkong, October 2, 1891. 1890

NOTICE.

THE Business lately carried on under the Style of J. ROSSLET & Co. will be CONTINUED under my Own Name hereafter.

J. MULLETT,

Late H. FOURELL & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1891. 1874

CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

I HAVE This Day handed over the MANAGEMENT of the above Company to Mr. W. STUART HARISON.

A. SANDFORD.

Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1849

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,000,000, SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £560,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.

D. GILLES, Esq., CHOW TUN SHANG, CHAN KEE SHAN, Esq., Esq., C. J. HILST, Esq., W. WOTTON, Esq., QUAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.

A. B. McKEAN, Acting Chief Manager.

Advisory Committee in London, THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq., Messrs Dent, Palmer & Co., JOHN BUTTERY, Esq., Messrs John Buttery & Co.

C. B. STUART WORTLEY, Esq., M. P. for Hallam.

G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Manager.

Advisory Committee Shanghai, HSU FU YUN, Esq., LIM KWAN KING, Esq., MA HIA TOHNG, CHU MINN SIAN, Esq., TONG KWEI SIAN, Esq.

J. D. THROBURN, Manager, pro tem.

The HEAD OFFICE now receives money on deposit and makes advances on goods in Neutral godowns, and upon other securities on terms to be had on application.

Hongkong, August 27, 1891. 1873

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £2,000,000, PAID-UP CAPITAL, £280,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLOMBS.

THE BANK holds Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS: Fixed for 12 months, 4½ percent; per annum.

6 " 2½ " " "

3 " 2½ " " "

On Current Deposits, ACCOUNTS TO PER CENT. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1862

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 5½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer, at their option, balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT AT 4½ PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1815

Bank.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £10,000,000. RESERVE FUND, £6,300,000. RESERVE LIABILITY OF £10,000,000. PROFITORS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—

J. S. MOSES, Esq., Chairman.

S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

T. E. DAVIES, Esq., Alex. McConachie,

O. J. HOLLOWAY, Esq., D. W. WATSON,

W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E. C. ROBERT WATSON,

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Intimations.



DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE Second Regular MEETING of the Season of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 8th instant, at 6 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. VICTORIA BRETHREN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, October 2, 1891. 1887

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Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1849

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICE of the Company, Room No. 6, Connaught House, on SATURDAY, the 10th October, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1890 and for the half year ending 30th June, 1891.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 1st to 10th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. J. SAUNDERS, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, September 25, 1891. 1838

SELMALA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th September to 10th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. HUTTON POTTS, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 22, 1891. 1816

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Undersigned, at 12 o'clock noon, on THURSDAY, the 22d October instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 22d instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1904

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOUGHTON'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALY & MARINE CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English, Silver & Electro-Plated Ware, Christofle & Co.'s Electro-Plated Ware, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

DIAMONDS.

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 30, 1890. 1875

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

PACKED BY GROSSE BLACKWELL & CO., PHILIPPE & GANAUD AND OTHER INT. CLASS PACKERS.

A Full Stock of FRESH STORES

Mails.

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Empress of Japan | Tuesday 13th Oct.
Empress of China | Tuesday 16th Nov.
Empress of India | Tuesday 1st Dec.

THE M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, 5,900 tons, Captain G. A. Lee, R.N.R., sailing at Noon on TUESDAY, the 13th October, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars).
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO
Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, B.C.
Port Townsend, Seattle, Wash.
Tacoma, Wash.
Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Calif.
Banff, Calgary Alta.
Winnipeg, Man.
Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minn.
Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, Mo.
St. Louis, Mo.
Milwaukee, Wis.
Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Cleveland, Columbus, Ohio.
Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont.
Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Kingston, Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Que.
New York, Albany, Troy, Rensselaer, N.Y.
Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Washington, D.C., Boston, Mass., Portland, Me.
Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B.
Liverpool, and London via Liverpool.
Paris via Liverpool and London.
Havre, via Liverpool.
Bremen, Hamburg.
2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steerage, Cabin and Rates to other places, quoted on application.

The Steamers call at Victoria, Esquimalt, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, B.C., Port Townsend, Seattle, Wash., Tacoma, Wash., Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Calif., Banff, Calgary Alta., Winnipeg, Man., Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minn., Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., Milwaukee, Wis., Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Ohio., Cleveland, Columbus, Ohio., Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont., Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Kingston, Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Que., New York, Albany, Troy, Rensselaer, N.Y., Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., Washington, D.C., Boston, Mass., Portland, Me., Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B., Liverpool, and London via Liverpool.

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2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steerage, Cabin and Rates to other places, quoted on application.

Return Tickets.—Time limit for prepaid return ticket is reckoned on date of issue to date of re-embarking at Vancouver.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China or Japan, and to Government officials.

CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Paris, Ostend, and to Canada.

CONCERNED INVOICES of Goods for United States should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. Brown, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Vancouver, B.C.

PARCELS must be sent to our office with address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

DODD WELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1891. 1817

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIQUE PORTS;

ALSO,

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON SATURDAY, the 24th day of October, 1891, at 3 p.m., the Company's S.S. BAYERN, Captain T. MENGEL, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 5 p.m., on the 23rd October. Cargo will be received on board until 1 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 10 a.m. on the 24th October. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the AGENCY's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 28, 1891. 1861

INSURANCES.

THE NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are

proposed to GRANT INSURANCES to the

extent of \$100,000 on First-class Risks at

current rates.

DUNN, MELBYE & CO.

Hongkong, September 19, 1892. 1802

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above

Company, are prepared to ACCEPT

RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1892. 1840

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The success of the scheme as to preference shares in the National Bank of China (Limited), says the *London and China Express*, is now practically assured, and the conversion for such as desire the change will be carried out. The control of the bank will remain in Hong Kong, and will not be transferred to London, even temporarily, as was suggested. Meanwhile the bank is proceeding with business, and the chief agent, Mr. Goo, F. W. Playfair, will leave for Hong Kong on Nov. 20 next, so that all will be in full working order by the commencement of the year.

The *N.C. Daily News* of Wednesday last says:—A Chinese boy, a Roman Catholic convert in the employ of a foreigner, while returning blindfold on Monday afternoon, met one of the priests of his church and after telling him what he had done, the priest said to him: "This was the New Year's Day." The boy, who was a native constable on duty close by, witnessed the boy's conversation with the priest. After the latter had passed, the constable stopped the priest and asked him why he had come in with the foreigner, as the latter was a Frenchman and a priest, and would take his eyes out. The boy on reaching home told his master what the policeman had said. It does seem strange that even in Shanghai the natives should believe such stupid stories about the Roman Catholic priests.

The *North-China Herald*, in its commercial summary, writes, under the head of piecemeal goods:—The extensive business reported last week in American goods has been followed by a few more transactions of the same articles, but of minor importance, otherwise the market has been comparatively quiet. But for the almost contemptuous attitude with which the dealers treat the first, one would be inclined to attribute this quietness to the complications with which the Government has become involved with Foreign Powers and the uncertainty of the course of future events. Apparently, however, they have not the slightest apprehension of anything occurring to interfere, to any appreciable extent, with their trade, and the large engagements which they have entered into, covering the next six months, should certainly be some security for their faith. Clearances continue to go most satisfactorily for all parts of the country, and, although trade may have been interrupted for a day or two in some of the disturbed districts, no mention has ever been made of any losses being sustained. In fact, the most serious money has been the swarm of locusts which have visited the Yangtze valley, but the energetic steps taken seem to have somewhat abated this scourge and partially saved the crops.

ACCIDENT AT THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

An enquiry was held by Mr. A. G. Wise this afternoon into the cause of the death of two Chinese, Young and Tung, and Ho Atuk, at the Hongkong Dispensary premises on the 29th inst. Messrs F. A. Ozell, R. E. Ward and J. M. Garvaldo were called in to give evidence. Mr. Hastings (of Messrs Watson and Deacon) called the case for Messrs Watson & Co.

Mr. Marcel said—I am Secretary of A. S. Watson & Co. The accident occurred on the 29th September. At two o'clock on the afternoon of the 28th we lit up a coal fire in the strong room, four in the vault below and two in the room above as you go into the place. They had been previously lit several times by the contractor of the building. Shortly after the fire was lit, the iron door was shut. I opened the door next morning about 7.30 a.m. I noticed no smoke or fumes. I do not know whether the fire was then burning or not. About 10.45 I went up the strong room and turned on the electric light. The iron door was still open from outside. I went inside the room. The place then appeared perfectly clear and the fires were certainly out. I gave instructions that the fire was to be lit. I went down stairs with the two deceased. Immediately I got down I saw that the walls were damp and found them still a little damp. I found the floor also a little damp. While I was down the two men went up stairs to get a fresh supply of charcoal. They returned with the charcoal and went up stairs. I was down about a minute and a half. About one or two minutes after, I looked down the ladder to see how they were getting on with the work. I saw one of the men, the house-keeper, lying on the floor, and the other man, a carpenter employed by us, was standing up near him. I went down the ladder as fast as I could. I caught the man who was lying by the shoulder and pulled him into a sitting posture alongside the ladder. The other man who was standing up near him, I went up to him and said "What is the matter?" I believe he thought the man was dead. I told the other man that I could help him to take him up the ladder. He again expostulated saying "I am being proper, I am not to use it, I went upstairs, sent to the police for ropes, sent for a doctor and asked the assistance of several of the English employees. It took about two minutes to get the assistance. We put a rope round Mr. Cox, with a handkerchief round his mouth, and lowered him down. He came up and said he was not sufficiently strong by himself to bring the man up. By that time Dr. Bell had arrived and several coolies and several of the police came. By the time the assistance came both men were on the floor. After a little persuasion a Chinese clerk went down along with a coolie and they succeeded in pulling one man up. The police pulled up the other man. When I went down to lift the man up, I noticed something wrong, but after I had been up five minutes I began to feel faint, while I attributed it to the nervous exertion caused by the effort. There was a trap door. To my knowledge it was never shut. There are two ventilators in the vault below which were open. They are about 12 in. by 5 in. There are two ventilators of precisely the same construction in the room above and I believe they are always open. The two ventilators down below are about 8 feet from the floor. In my opinion every precaution was taken.

Robert Cox—I am employed in A. S. Watson & Co. Mr. Sulton told me about 10.45 a.m. that two men were being overheard in the strong room by charcoal fumes. We obtained ropes and I went down to see if I could assist a man. Both men were lying down, the one over the other, the carpenter uppermost. I tried to attach a rope to the carpenter. I was unable to lift the dead weight and could not stay sufficiently long down to make a prolonged effort. I did not smell anything, but I noted the suffocating nature of the gas which caused me to come up at the end of a minute and a half.

Bob—On Tuesday last week about 10.45 a.m. I went to the Hongkong Dispensary, to the strong room; and saw two men lying down at the bottom of the ladder, apparently unconscious both of them. After a few minutes both men were got up and laid on the floor of the ante-room. The police examined them. In both cases the pulse was stopped, but in one case there was just a slight breathing. With the help of the police I started artificial breathing and kept it up for about an hour, but neither

of the men rallied. I and Dr. Marquis made a post-mortem examination and I agree with Dr. Marquis that the cause of death is poison by carbonic oxide gas. I have heard the evidence given by Mr. Marcell, but that evidence I think that sufficient length of time was not allowed after opening the strong room door and allowing men to go down. I have seen the ventilators. For ordinary purposes they are perfectly sufficient. They would have very little effect in the dispersing of charcoal fumes unless there was a strong draught.

Sergeant Archibald Macdonald (27) said he went to the Dispensary with P. S. Harkins. When he got to the first floor he saw two Chinese going down the ladder with handkerchiefs round the mouth. He also saw two men at the bottom of the ladder. The two Chinese raised one of the men. Witness went down immediately afterwards and took the other man up. He had a handkerchief round his mouth.

Dr. Marquis spoke with regard to the post-mortem examination. The cause of death was poisoning by carbonic oxide gas such as is produced by burning charcoal.

Mr. E. Crow—I am the Government Agent. I visited the strong room. I have heard the evidence given. From an ordinary point of view I do not think I can suggest any additional precautions that ought to have been taken.

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